

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete lines 25-27 on page 1.

Please amend the specification by inserting the following on page 1 in place thereof:

--This application is a Continuation Application of ASN 08/618,485, filed on March 19, 1996 entitled PREPARATION OF POTENT MACROPHAGE ACTIVATING FACTORS DERIVED FROM CLONED VITAMIN D BINDING PROTEIN AND ITS DOMAIN AND THEIR THERAPEUTIC USAGE FOR CANCER, HIV-INFECTION AND OSTEOPETROSIS which is a continuation-in-part of ASN 08/478,121 filed June 7, 1995, entitled DIAGNOSTIC PROGNOSTIC INDICES FOR CANCER AND AIDS, and the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims 1-4.

Please add the following claims.

21. A process for cloning vitamin D₃-binding protein (Gc protein) into baculovirus comprising the step of selecting and using a baculovirus non-fusion vector and a host to clone the vitamin D₃-binding protein Gc protein (Gc protein), wherein the Gc protein has a molecular weight of approximately 52,000, approximately 458 amino acids and 3 distinct domains, by using cDNA containing initiation codon (-16 Met) through the leader sequence to the +1 amino acid (leu of native Gc protein and introducing the cDNA